

**Minutes**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**May 17, 2000**

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Lao Rubert; Evester Bailey, Durham Center; Riley Butler, Community Penalties

**Board Members Absent:** Orlando Hudson, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge; Ellen Reckhow, County Commissioner; Peter Baker; Captain John Knight, Durham Police Department; Mary Caudle, Community work Service; Candy Clark, Victim's Assistance; Jim Hardin, District Attorney; Shannon Tucker, Assistant Public Defender; Jessie Pickett-Williams, Vocational Rehabilitation; Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Dr. George Wilson; Brian Aus; Gayle Harris, Health Department; James W. Ellis Jr., DCC; Carolyn Titus, Interim County Manager; Kenneth Titus, Chief District Court Judge

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Wilhelmina Foster-Long, and Tishri P. Gibson

**Visitors:** Adriane P. Reese, DCC, and B.J. Adkins, DCC

The meeting was called to order by Riley Butler.

The minutes for the March 15, 2000 meeting were approved unanimously.

Gudrun Parmer and Jo Iverson provided an update on current developments and program statistics. The pre-application to the GCC for "Just Us" funding has been pre-approved for 1 year at \$94,000. Paperwork has been submitted to move present money around from GCC and CJPP to buy new furniture for group rooms. The "Just Us" enrollment has increased tremendously, there is an average enrollment of 15 to 20 clients. Due to the increase in students, there is a need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher or assistant. Durham Tech is currently in the budget process, and is looking at the possibility for a 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher; the County Managers office has also been asked to advocate for that, since Durham Tech receives county money.

The CJPP grant application was submitted, and a review meeting was held in the division office. A budget amendment request was sent to Raleigh in order to spend out on the grant. There is an influx of adult participants, due to the programming only 2 evening GED classes are offered. There a request has been made to Durham Tech for additional evening or afternoon classes so adult clients will have more flexibility. The Durham Police Department has STARS project that identifies high-risk habitual violent offenders. These offenders are notified and brought into the police department and given an ultimatum to stop offending or be prosecuted to the extent of the law. CJRC is offered as a resource to those who are willing to change.

Administratively, the ESC contract has been terminated early and will not be extended. Robin Heath has assumed the duties of providing Employment Assistance services. ESC will train her and she will have access to their database and linkage to all of their services. Having the ability for direct supervision, documentation and tracking, along with tying into other community services provided for employment assistance will improve the service delivery to clients. Amy Craddock has signed a contract to conduct an annual evaluation on last year's enrollments.

The program update reported a new course for adults, Stress Reduction Training, provided by Duke Addiction Programs. It includes meditation and yoga, and it exposes clients to something they have never seen or heard before. The Ropes Course that provided team building, trust and self-esteem building has ended.

Program statistics were reported as follows: in March there were 34 new admissions, 5 completions, and 14 terminations, with a total of 127 enrolled. In April there were 30 new admissions, 6 completions, and 7 terminations, with a total of 150 enrolled. The board discussed implementing a specific cap on adult admissions to CJRC. This implementation should include feedback from the staff of CJRC. Staff also needs to look at appropriate targeting at intake, possible restrict admission of those who may not be right for the program, clients who really do not want to attend the program and clients who need GED services only.

Adriane Reeseey informed the Board about the CJPP grants review process and other CJPP developments. CJPP invited programs to come to the review and JDMs were asked to bring Memoranda of Agreement and OPUS data to compare it to IMS data. At the State Board meeting each division coordinator was asked to report out on their programs and counties. There are currently 91 counties participating across the state. In regards to Durham, there are no administrative issues, and there should be no requirements attached to the grant funding for this fiscal year. Durham County CJPAB was recognized for being a strong and committed board that maximized on the utilization of resources. DCC is looking at having more probation officers trained for CBI. Ms Reeseey reported speaking with Gudrun Parmer about presenting the board with an option of pursuing the CARF Accreditation. CARF creates a higher standard for SA Treatment Programs, and increases credibility and validity. This will be added as an agenda item for the next CJPAB meeting to look into the subject of CARF Accreditation.

Chairman, Judge Craig Brown updated the board members on the progress of the Community-Based Corrections Plan Revision. The first meeting dealt with changing and refining criminal procedures in regards to pre-trial release and the jail population. The jail has begun to regularly manage the jail population. The Durham County District Judges have approved the Hispanic bond situation with the development of an alternative bond system for Class II Misdemeanors where the defendant will have a choice of posting a \$500 secured bond or \$136 in cash. District Court will also focus on probation violation hearings in a single day instead of spreading it throughout the week. Judge Brown raised the issue of having a staff person from CJRC in the courtroom during violation hearings to facilitate the referral process and assist in the appropriate targeting of cases. The gang awareness meeting was extremely productive. There still remains an issue of how to deal with gangs in Durham. It will be helpful to access information on what other communities have done to deal with this type of situation, and include it in our updated plan as resource material. At the substance abuse treatment and continuum of care meeting there was a concern about TASC and its resource with only one TASC Counselor on staff. There are numerous TASC referrals from the court, and one counselor would be unable to handle all of them. Evester Bailey stated that resources would get better for TASC in July, it is currently 60% funded by the county. In July there will be 3 TASC positions and an additional half position. There will also be a NC Offender Assessment form implemented across the board so all agencies will use the same form. It was noted that TROSA has 228 residents, and Sunday, May 14, 2000 there were 17 graduates from their program. The next CJPP plan revision meeting will discuss the Hispanic population. The meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2000 at El Centro Hispano Inc.

The next Advisory Board meeting was set for Wednesday, July 19, 2000 at CJRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.